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Dr. Harmon C. McAllister  
The Council for Tobacco Research  
900 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Dr. McAllister:

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I am writing to you concerning the possibility of obtaining support for a symposium that I believe might be of great interest to you and your organization. The purpose of this symposium is to recognize **Dr. Ronald W. Estabrook** for his many contributions to our understanding of the cytochrome P450s and their role in the metabolism of drugs, environmental chemicals, steroids, and fatty acids. In 1962, while at the Johnson Foundation, University of Pennsylvania, he, David Cooper and Otto Rosenthal successfully linked the biochemical properties of cytochrome P450 to the metabolism of drugs and steroids. More recently, he has focused considerable attention to the metabolism of steroids and fatty acids by specific rodent and human cytochromes P450, especially those which might catalyze formation of new, unique prostanoid metabolites with possible biological activity. His results with recombinant P450s have been very exciting. Over the years, Dr. Estabrook's research program has touched many scientists throughout the world as graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research collaborators or as colleagues. He has been a tremendous facilitator for collaborative research in this research area. Many of Ron's more than 40 postdoctoral associates and collaborators currently hold key positions in universities and pharmaceutical companies. His contributions to this area of research includes both investigative activities, as well as acting as an advocate for research in biochemistry, oncology, pharmacology, and toxicology.

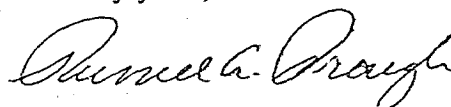
The symposium is entitled "Function and Regulation of Cytochrome P450s and Associated Enzymes" and it will be held on May 14-15, 1994, as a joint meeting of the *International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics (ISSX)* and the *American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB)*. The meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., at the ASBMB Headquarters Hotel. This symposium is being organized by a group of Ron Estabrook's former colleagues and the program will feature what we feel are many of the leading figures in cytochrome P450 research today. The symposium is being organized under the auspices of *ISSX* and *ASBMB*, and will constitute an important part of the program for the *ASBMB* Meeting in 1994. A symposium accompanying this national meeting should attract many of the people in industry, government, and academia who have known Dr. Estabrook or his work. I have enclosed a rough draft of the program indicating the tentative speakers and their titles.

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Obviously, there will be costs associated with organizing a symposium of this magnitude beyond the support from ISSX and ASBMB. For example, we will need support for travel and hotel expenses for some of the speakers, particularly Ron's foreign associates. We would like to inquire whether The Council for Tobacco Research would be able to provide some support for this symposium? Your support will be acknowledged in the printed program for the symposium. Several organizations have already provided support in the range of \$1,000 - \$4,000. We hope that your Agency might be willing to do the same. Of course, any contribution would be greatly appreciated. If The Council for Tobacco Research is able to make a contribution, please make the check to the University of Louisville and indicate that it is for the "Dr. Ronald W. Estabrook Symposium."

Thank you for your support of this symposium. We look forward to an excellent scientific event and hope that you and your colleagues will be able to attend. Please do not hesitate to call me at (502) 588-5217 or FAX (502) 588-6222 if you would like further information concerning this symposium. I will provide you with more information as we refine the program.

Sincerely yours,



Russell A. Prough, Ph.D.

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